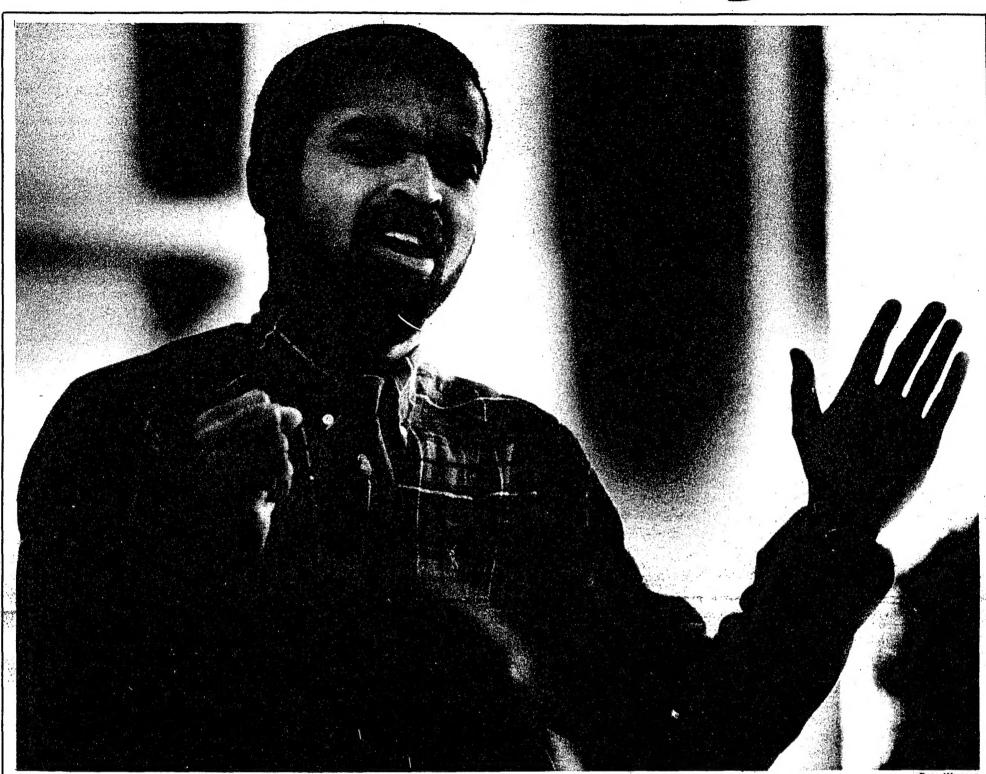
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e's a man with a message. Reverend William D. Barlow of the Grace Apostolic Church in Omaha tells the kids in his congregation they can make it in the world, even with two strikes against them: poverty and dysfunctional families. Since the founding of his nondenominational church in 1006. Person has made young people which account for in 1986, Barlow has made young people, which account for about 30 percent of his congregation, the focus of his message.

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NEWS

SPEAKER CITES AREAS OF CONCERN

Television producer Tony Brown addressed the problems of economic cooperation in the black community, higher education for African-Americans and racism during his speech Monday night in the Student Center. The speech was part of the UNO Black History Month activities.

BUT CAN IT CHANGE A FLAT TIRE?
Through a grant from the National Science
Foundation, UNO faculty and students may soon
have access to a Cray Y-MP supercomputer.
The computer can't change a flat tire, but it can
do large mathematical problems in days that would
take UNO's current equipment weeks to complete.

OPTIONS

'MISALLIANCE' MOVES IN

University Theatre will present George Bernard Shaw's romantic comedy beginning March 2. Director Julia Curtis said the play's themes, such as socialism, British imperialism, women's independence and parenting, are nicely balanced. Tickets will be available Monday at the University Theatre Box Office.

SPORTS

HE'S A KNOCK OUT

Boxer Dick "Raging Bull" Ryan toyed with his opponent, feeling out his awkward style. Suddenly, with a left hook to the body and then another to the head, Ryan dropped his foe and stood over him grimacing. Ryan's victory Wednesday night padded his recored to 18-1. The win was just another step in this local boxer's climb up the professional boxing



"Misalliance" opens March 2 at the University Theatre.

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"We're going down the drain together while all of us are embracing this nonsense called racism," Brown said.

-ERIC FRANCES

Brown discusses 'survival'

By DANIEL SHEPHERD

Black Americans need to retain their own sense of identity and not settle for gains made during the civil rights movement, television producer Tony Brown

"There's no way in the world we're ever going to move into equality until we move first into an awareness of ourselves," he said.

Brown, producer and host of the public television program "Tony Brown's Journal," spoke to about 500 people Monday at the Strauss Performing Arts Center. The speech was part of UNO's Black History Month.

During his lecture, "African-Americans Moving Toward the 21st Century: An Agenda for Survival," Brown said African-Americans are not asking for equality. but are searching for self-esteem.

"Our consciousness is still if we want to be educated, we want white people to educate us," Brown said. "If we want to live in a clean neighborhood, we have to live in a white neighborhood.

"Education in the formal sense of the word is not what I'm discussing," Brown said. "Consciousness is what I'm discussing."

Brown also said economic cooperation

in the black community would improve the black community's feeling of identity.

"The answer to elevate the black community is by sharing the resources in the black community," Brown said.

If blacks spent 50 percent of their money in black communities, Brown said, 1.7 million jobs would be created.

He said at the present rate, an African-American makes one business transaction with another African-American while other racial and ethnic groups make 5 to 12

Blacks spend 95 percent of their money outside of the black community, Brown

"If we stabilized our families and if we spent 50 percent of our money within our own community, we would have a very vibrant business section which we did at one time," Brown said.

The recent trend in racism across America is caused by national economics, Brown said.

"Every time white America economically suffers, racism breaks out all over," Brown said. "They look for a scapegoat."

According to Brown, when the economy fails, blacks blame whites for their problems, and whites blame blacks for "so-called reverse discrimination."

And as the American standard of living decreases, racism increases, Brown said.

"We're going down the drain together while all of us are embracing this nonsense called racism," he said.

Brown contended that the best way to stop the economic decline was for America to once again become a competitive

"We must collectively, as a group of people, make this country stronger," Brown said. "It can only be done if black America will make itself stronger."

The American work force will be 50 percent non-white in the next ten years, Brown said.

"If we can dominate football and basketball, why can we not dominate Wall Street, the physics department, the chemistry department and everything else that is important?" asked Brown. "Why do we stop at playing sports and tap dancing and singing?"

Brown compared the struggle of black South Africans to the struggle of African-Americans.

"The symbolism of African-American leaders is thumbs up to showbiz." Brown said. "The rhetoric in South Africa is freedom. The rhetoric among African-Americans is civil rights."

846, an increase of 132 students.

The only college experiencing an enroll-

ment decrease from last spring was the College of Business Administration (CBA).

CBA's enrollment dropped by 36 students.

However, CBA is still the university's sec-

CBA's decrease was not caused by a lack

"If we were authorized additional faculty

Trends in post-graduate education also

Graduate studies increased to 2,426, up

Last semester, UNO posted an all-time

slots in the College of Business Administration, we probably would have admitted more

ond-largest college with 3,401 students.

of student interest, Fitzgerald said.

students," he said.

show an increase at UNO.

high of 15,475 students.

186 students from last spring.

NEWS LOCAL NEWS EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Student vote still alive

The proposed student/regent vote was gone, but it came right back.

On Feb. 12, the State Legislature Education Committee killed a resolution to give student/regents a vote on University of Nebraska Board of Regents decisions.

Legislative Resolution 240 would have put the question of a student/regent vote on the November ballot.

However, the committee included a student vote in the new board of trustees proposed under Legislative Resolution 239.

The resolution would put the question of restructuring Nebraska's higher education on the November ballot.

State Sen. Ron Withem, Education Committee chairman, said killing the student/regent vote proposal made sense, since the current Board of Regents may be abolished.

"If (Legislative Resolution) 239 is approved, the Board of Regents won't be in existence. There won't be a need to have a vote."

Withem said he supports a student vote on the proposed board of trustees and feels it should be decided on the November

"It seems that the people have made the decision that the students need representa-

LR 239 and Legislative Bill 1141, which details the proposed restructuring of higher education, were moved to the Legislature floor for a full vote.

The amendment to allow a student/ trustee vote must be approved by 25 senators before it becomes part of the bill.

Drug-free bill killed

The proposed Higher Education Drug-Free Environment Act was not needed, according to State Sen. Ron Withem, the Legislature's Education Committee chairman.

The bill was killed by the Unicameral's Education Committee Feb. 13.

Under the bill, state college and university students could be suspended from school and could lose all state and federal financial aid following a drug-related

The same penalties regarding financial aid would apply to students in Nebraska's private colleges and universities.

Withern said most college and universities in the state already deal with drugconvictions on campus.

"What made up my mind is that the universities and colleges already have a pretty good system," Withem said.

Withem also said suspending a drug offender from school might not solve that person's drug problem.

"Most people consider a college education precious," he said. "I think people convicted of drug offenses need that education."

NEWS LINE appears every Friday. If you or your group have information concerning campus or community events, send it to the Gateway. News briefs are selected for publication on the basis of timeliness, length and our discretion.

Quality education: a reasonable buy

NO enrollment hits springtime high

By Damon Gran

Enrollment for the spring semester at UNO to attract people." has reached an all-time high of 14,944, according to Tim Fitzgerald, manager of University Relations' news bureau.

Fitzgerald said several factors contributed to the increase of 784 students over last spring's enrollment. "There is no one specific reason for this

growth," he said. "But the campus environment as a whole attracts new students." The trend in Omaha and the nation is that

more high school graduates recognize the need for a college education, Fitzgerald said. Also, non-traditional students return to college because they realize a degree is impor-

progress in their careers, he added. "People know they can get a quality education here at a reasonable buy," he said. "We

tant, and sometimes necessary, in order to

offer a number a good programs that are going an increase of 74, while Non-Degree rose to Six of the seven UNO colleges experi-

enced an enrollment increase from last spring. The College of Arts and Sciences made the university's biggest enrollment gain, 245, to

Fitzgerald credits the increase to a growing desire of students to receive a well-rounded, liberal arts education.

became UNO's largest college at 3,489.

The trend of non-traditional students returning to school has boosted the College of Continuing Studies to 1,515 students, an increase of 123 from last spring, Fitzgerald said.

Other increases: The College of Public Affairs and Community Service up 117 students to 966, the College of Education up 110 students to 1432, and the College of Fine Arts up 28 students to 313.

University Division grew to 556 students,

February 23, 1990

It's all blown over

Mike Kelly called it a "UNO controversy."

In his column last Friday, the Omaha World-Herald sports editor wrote about the feud that had ensued between the Gateway and the UNO men's basketball team.

If you are unaware of the "feud," then you probably haven't been reading the Gateway's sports or opinion pages lately.

To make a short story even shorter, the basketball players became a little upset about an article and cover photo the Gateway ran about three weeks ago on Tony Barone, Creighton University's men's

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basketball coach.

After its publication, the players refused to be interviewed by the Gateway sports editor.

The Gateway "retaliated" by running three editorials and an editorial cartoon accusing the players of being big babies about the whole thing and also a little ungrateful for the previous coverage the Gateway had devoted to them.

In his column, Kelly quoted UNO Sports Information Director Gary Anderson as saying: "The players probably overreacted, and I thought the Gateway overreacted with its response."

Anderson also told Kelly he thought the situation would eventually all "blow over."

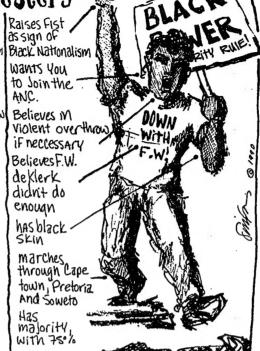
The columnist, however, chose not to allow any Gateway staff member or a member of the Student Publications Committee to respond.

So, here's our response.

The basketball players, in their refusal to

The differences in South-African protesters -





be interviewed, attacked the credibility of this student newspaper.

The Gateway is just another student organization on this campus, whether you agree with our editorial decisions or not. And just like any organization that is having its credibility attacked, we fight back.

Not unlike the Mavs, the Gateway is a "team." A team that, like the basketball players, represents UNO to the community and to the state. When the Mavs lose, it's no different then when the Gateway screws up.

You don't have to like the Gateway, and you don't have to like the Mavs. Regardless, we both still represent UNO.

The Mavs face a couple of big games this weekend in the Fieldhouse. At least a few Gateway staff members will be there to, not only cover the game, but show some support.

We, like many other UNO students, are proud the Mavs have earned a successful season.

The Gateway staff alone may not be able to combat apathy on this campus. But we are not apathetic ourselves.

Go Mavs!

Allegations and wiggle walls' concern Bill

I have two separate topics today. For those who missed the story in Tuesday's Gateway, the university has suspended Robert Carlson, an associate professor in the communication department of the College of Arts and Sciences. (Carlson resigned as department chairman last year, citing lack of support for the department.)

A nine-member committee from outside the department will examine his case for possible termination.

So far, nobody is saying why.

With only rumors to go on, I won't criticize anyone at this point. And I certainly won't repeat the rumors I've heard.

Unfortunately, the lack of credible information only leaves fertile ground where rumors will continue to grow and spread.

I realize any allegations serious enough to prompt a mid-term suspension need to be considered carefully and, for a time, privately — like a grand jury.

In light of the rumors, or should I say in the dark of the rumors, I hope the committee and the university will act expeditiously. I also hope they will release the facts of the case as soon as possible, consistent with justice for all concerned.

Meanwhile, the official silence only serves to feed the rumors — rumors about

the nature of alleged offenses and other rumors about possible vendettas.

Such rumors poison the atmosphere of learning and academic freedom for both students and faculty. Ungarbled truth is the only antidote.

Let's move on to a slightly less ominous topic.

After a 17-year debate, the UNO Fine Arts Building appears to be nearing the reality of bricks and mortar.

Like most others who've had anything to say, I think the building will be good for the

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university. But alas, the relative ease of the final University of Nebraska Board of Regent's approval left me little room for

Someone already said the building continues to move UNO farther from the "West Dodge High" image. Again, I agree, but don't expect such impressions to ever completely go away.

At the University of Georgia, for example, they still call Georgia Tech "North Avenue Trade School." Alabama still calls Auburn "Moo U." Then there's Texas

A&M. Did you hear the one about the Aggie who ...

As for the fine arts building, one person's "incredibly gentle curves" become another's "wiggle walls." The loyal opposition on the Board of Re-

gents could not defeat the design proposal, but, if the "wiggle-wall" epithet sticks, they may have a measure of revenge. Somehow, the term "wiggle wall" seems

below the aesthetic dignity of a building dedicated to the art of the ages.

Does it really fit as a descriptive term? Would one refer to the spires of Notre Dame as "those pointy things?"

As a functional term, wiggle wall is even less appealing. Wailing wall, yes. Weeping wall, OK. But wiggle wall?

Will students dance beside the wall? (I'm afraid I'm not up on the latest steps, but it's a fairly safe bet they involve some form of

Should the walls in fact wiggle — their incredibly gentle curves constantly undulating along a huge conveyer belt like a giant barber pole? If so, could they still build it for only \$11.5 million?

Let's call this off before it gets even

See you next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AN OPINION

Kudos from the big boss

To the Editor:

On behalf of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, I just wanted to say thanks to the Gateway for its excellent coverage of the Medical Center this past year. The quality and accuracy of your articles on the Medical Center are simply first-rate.

Any plaudits the Gateway staff receives are well-deserved.

> Dr. Charles Andrews **Medical Center Chancellor**

Somebody out there likes it

To the Editor:

I must confess my amazement at the over-zealous reaction by the campus public concerning the Tony Barone Story in the Feb. 9 issue of the Gateway.

Frankly, I feel that while the Gateway editors may have phrased their rebuttals (in the Feb. 13 issue) with a bit more professional diplomacy, they should likewise be commended for their attitude in publishing a newspaper with a broad scope of interest. Imagine the Omaha World-Herald restricting its publication to Omaha-related items alone. That would make for a scintillating two-page printing.

If Creighton's newspaper does not reciprocate with a story on Bob Hanson and his team, it only serves to reveal a lack of journalistic foresight on its part. It could well be that the Gateway will set a new trend in campus reporting, which, as a campus, we should be proud of and supportive of.

> Kim Bret **UNO Staff Member**

You naughty, naughty editors

To the Editor:

The attempt to slam dunk our UNO basketball team and coach in the Feb. 13 issue of the Gateway has been called on a technical foul. The only place we are seeing poor sportsmanship is in print. If we want to read smut, we will buy the National Enquirer.

We checked the final score and have determined it to be: UNO men's basketball team and coach a "10," Gateway "0."

Cheryl Conn, Marilyn Anton, Deb Wilcox, Rhonda Hanus, Steve Hanus, Lisa Brinkman and Taml Eggert

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It's a bird, it's a plane, no, it's a supercomputer

By DAVE MANNING

Sometimes the Texas Instruments hand-held calculator just isn't enough.

Enter the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, or PSC, for

Through a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), UNO may gain access to a Cray Y-MP supercomputer for research purposes.

Lloyd Hasche, UNO's Computing and Data Communications assistant director for academic computing, said UNO had been granted a demonstration account to show people the machine's potential.

"The initial grant was just seed money," he said. "It's part of the National Science Foundation's effort to sponsor and promote research."

The supercomputing center, a joint effort between Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh and the Westinghouse Electric Corp., is one of five funded by the NSF.

"We received our access to it the first of the year," Hasche

About 25 students and faculty members have expressed interest in the computer, he said.

"Its (the Cray's) architecture lends itself to working large, complex mathematical problems," he said. "The machine is so powerful it can do in days what our equipment would spend weeks on.

"If a researcher finds it helpful, we'll then apply for a grant to use the facilities," Hasche said.

One UNO chemistry professor, George Pfeffer, already has access to the supercomputing center.

Although Pfeffer said the grant application procedure was "rather informal," he was not shocked when he received a \$10,000 research grant from PSC.

With the funding, he was given two, five-hour blocks of computer time on the Cray.

"It allows researchers not at 'high-power' schools to use 'high-power' research tools," Pfeffer said.

Part of NSF's goal is to encourage work in the sciences, he

said, because a decrease in the number of science graduates and instructors has been predicted for the next 10 years.

Pfeffer said he has not used much of his computer time yet because of his teaching load.

"I'm not going to be teaching in the summer," he added. Hasche said universities across the United States had been

given similar opportunities to use supercomputers. "If you have a valid research need, you have a very good chance of getting on the system," he said.

Although orientation for the new machine won't be held for a few weeks, Hasche said accessing the supercomputer won't

be too difficult.

"If you can log on to the VAX (UNO's academic computer), you can log on to PSC," he said.

Even if there was more than enough need, Hasche said UNO probably wouldn't buy a Cray.

"It's way out of what we would require," he said. "They run about \$10 million."

He's not staying!

The Gateway is now taking applications for the position of summer/fall editor.

Applicants must have solid writing and editing background, with previous Gateway experience. Hands-on experience with desktop publishing, preferably the Macintosh system. Applications are available in the Gateway office, Annex 26, and are due March 23, Call 554-2470 for details

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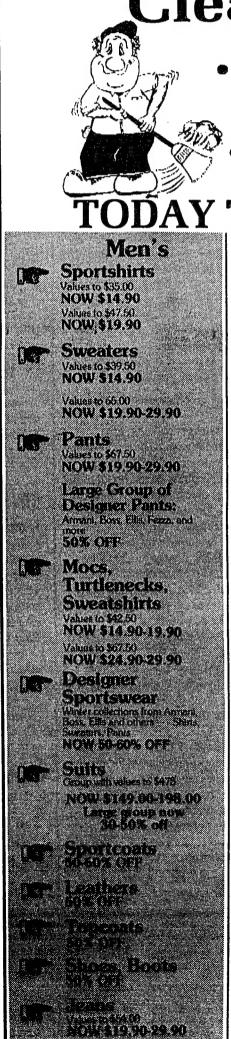
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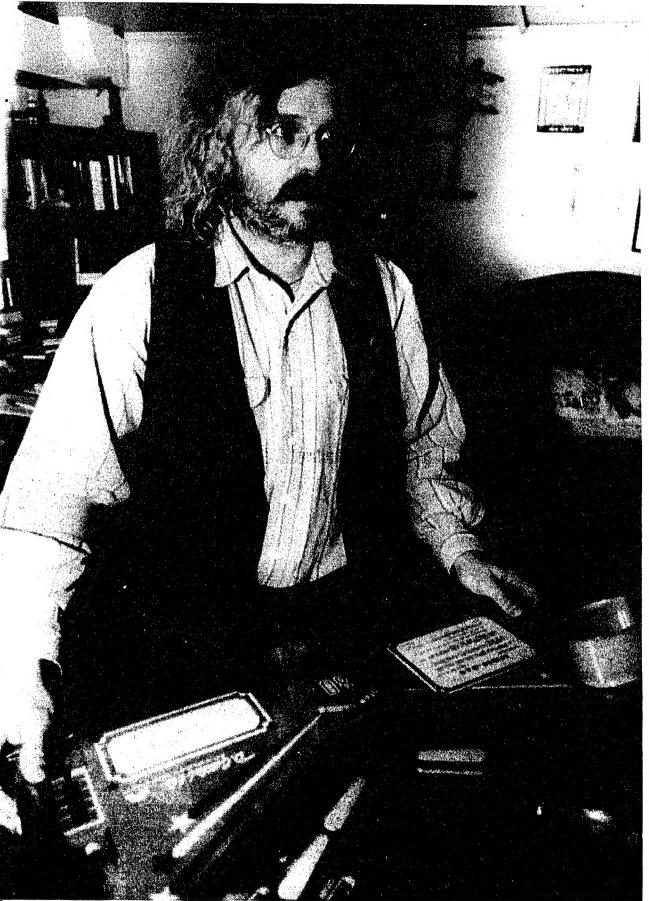
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GATEWAY'S ENTERTAINMENT AND FEATURE WEEKLY



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Local playwright Doug Marr tilts his Amazing Spiderman pinball machine. In the basement of his home, Marr writes about five plays a year on his computer terminal.

THEATER WIZARD

ELIZABETH OMMACHEN

he "Jesus at the beach" figurines complete with a pink flamingo, palm
tree and cross - adorned the desk by
the bed. In the corner stood an
Amazing Spiderman pinball machine
just waiting to be tilted.

Although some may find the decor distracting, playwright Doug Marr created some of his best work surrounded by his meaningful clutter.

In the basement of his home, which doubles as the office for Omaha's Circle Theatre, Marr pecks out five to six plays a year on his computer terminal.

But this 36-year-old writer has done more than author a few plays. Marr, along with his wife Laura and a few friends, generated an unprecedented theater concept: diner theater.

"Actually, it started at our wedding reception Jan. 15, 1983," said Marr, who credits Circle Theatre's success to a team effort. "It's many people. It started out being 12 people (students and faculty) who kind of met at UNO in 1983. They decided to form a theater company in Omaha, so people could work where they live and live where they work."

Laura Marr, executive director for Circle Theatre, was also there from the beginning.

"Doug has been our playwright-in-residence since we first started," she said. "But we are now working with a lot of different Nebraska playwrights. Our emphasis as an organization is to produce and develop specifically local playwrights."

After several false starts, Circle Theatre's production of "Phil Contemplates Putting a Jukebox in the Diner" began its run at Vidlak's Family Cafe. Marr then proceeded to write eight more episodes involving "Phil" and his friends.

"Doug decided he didn't want to write about

SEE MARR ON PAGE 11



SUPER EXHIBIT

aster than a speeding bullet. More powerful than a locomotive. Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound.

This is the myth of Superman, the star of an exhibit that opened Feb. 10 at the Omaha Western Heritage Museum.

"Superman: Many Lives, Many Worlds" is a traveling exhibition focusing on the Man of Steel and his changing roles over the past 50 years in comic books, newspaper strips, radio and television programs, movies and advertising.

The exhibit is traveling under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. Many of the more than 100 artifacts and comics included were donated to the Smithsonian by D.C. Comics, Inc.

The exhibition is comprised of vintage posters, comic books -- including the rare "Action No. 1" where Superman first appeared radio, television and film scripts and a variety of commercial products. From the recent Superman movies there are Superman and Lois Lane

costumes and a pair of Clark Kent's glasses used to disguise his true identity as Superman.

Carl Scheele, curator emeritus in the Division of Community Life at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, said, "The Superman comics were a welcome diversion to America's Depression-era kids. Superman quickly became identified as the champion of the oppressed and down-trodden."

Over the past 50 years, Superman has illustrated the changing concerns of American society and politics. Besides fighting organized crime and American enemies during World War II, Korea and Vietnam, he has encouraged soldiers and children to read, has been active on the side of conservationists and environmentalists and has worked to eliminate nuclear weapons from Earth.

The Superman exhibit will close April 4.

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MURDERING KIND

urder can be fun. At least when it's all part of the The mystery farce, "The Murder Room," opened at the Upstairs Dinner Theatre Feb. 10.

Directed by Bill Lacey, the play spoofs the classic British murder mysteries.

The plot revolves around a devious woman who marries for money and then tries to kill her unsuspecting groom. Included in the bizarre story is a zany maid, the town's inspector and constable, the victim's daffy daughter and her

Lorie Obradovich portrays the gold-digging bride Mavis. David Dechant is Edgar, the alleged victim of Mavis' scheme. Jackie Klug is the dimwitted daughter Susan. Edgar's loyal maid is

played by Patricia Kaczmarek. Steve Countryman appears as inspector Crandall, and Stan Parker plays Susan's fiance.

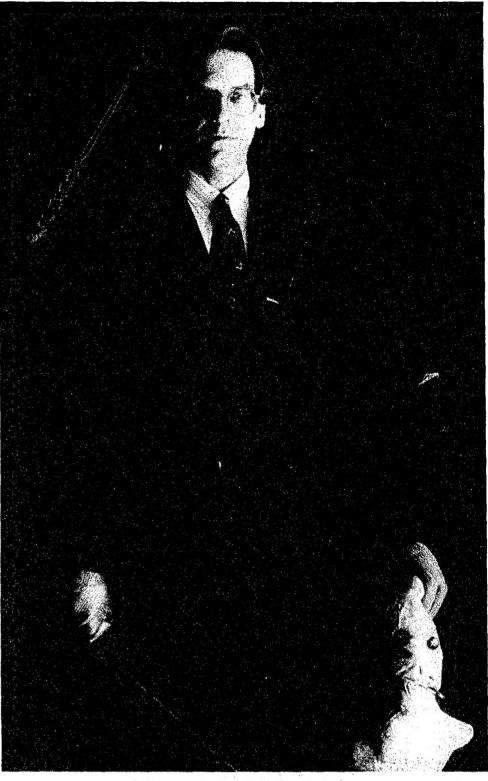
"The Murder Room" will be the eighth show Lacey has directed for the Upstairs. He has also directed several shows for the Circle Theatre and UNO's University Theatre.

Norman Filbert designed the unusual set, and Wes Clowers of Film and Stage Services constructed it.

"The Murder Room" will play Thursday through Saturday until March 24. The evening performances begin at 7 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Matinee and brunch performances will be on Wednesdays and Sundays with meals at noon and shows at 1 p.m.



The cast of "The Murder Room" aptly illustrate exactly what the title means.



A DIFFERENT BREED

rom the beginning, there have been monsters.

When humans or the "Naturals" were huddling in caves, the night belonged to countless extraordinary beings: shape-shifters, werewolves, things that fed on blood and flesh.

They were called the "Nightbreed."

And although they are only remembered in camp-fire stories and horror tales, filmmaker and author Clive Barker has brought them back to

In his latest release, "Nightbreed," Barker takes filmgoers into his unique world of horror. Based on his novel "Cabal," Nightbreed takes place in the legendary city of "Midian." A city hidden beneath the wastes of Northern Alberta and a place of refuge where all sins are forgiven.

Boone (Craig Sheffer), a man wanted for murder, is forced to hide amongst the monsters in Midian. His girlfriend (Anne Bobby) is also trapped between desire and horror, but she is prepared to sacrifice everything for love.

Film director David Cronenberg (pictured), in his first starring role, plays Decker, a psychiatrist running from a woman who still loves him, a law officer obsessed with his capture and a psychopathic killer committed to his destruction. To escape, Boone also disappears into the labyrinthine necropolis.

The bloodcurdling Barker has definitely been making a name for himself in the "let's-make-empuke" genre of film. And this scary offering may definitely get its audience to pray to the porcelain

Just don't eat any burritos before this one.

VERY, VERY VICTORIAN

od save the queen. Queen Victoria, Joslyn Art Museum will exhibit "Virtue Rewarded: Victorian Paintings from the Forbes Magazine Collection," a collection which represents the largest holding of Victorian art outside England.

This special exhibition, on view from Feb. 24 to April 8, comprises 51 printings providing an overview of the major moral principles and crises faced by Victorians and reflected in their art. The Industrial Revolution transformed

The Joslyn will show "Virtue Rewarded" in conjunction with "An Eye for Detail: French Academic Paintings from the Martin Collection," an exhibition from the permanent collection which also illustrates 19th-century art trends in Europe.

The Joslyn will hold a series of lectures on the contrast between image and reality of 19thcentury Victorian society Thursdays in March at



NOT ALLIED

omanticism. Socialism. Sexism. Imperialism. These diverse subjects will share a common spotlight during the University Theatre's upcoming production of "Misalliance," the romantic comedy by George Bernard Shaw.

UNO Dramatic Arts Professor Julia Curtis said Shaw is "intellectually puzzling" and knows how to make his ideas witty and humorous.

"He is gifted in discussing major issues in a simple, comedic and paradoxical way," Curtis said.

As the director, Curtis said she chose "Misalliance" partly because UNO has not performed Shaw in more than 10 years.

Curtis said she first saw this play as an undergraduate at Oberlin College and then again in New York.

"And along with 'Pygmalion,' it's probably his most popular play," she said. "We need to be doing Shaw; he's wonderful to do." However, she said his provocative ideas were not always

universally popular. "He used to irritate audiences at the time," Curtis said. "People just didn't want to listen, and now we realize what he is saying is

The plot overtly reflects the title of the play. Curtis said "Misalliance" originally referred to the marriage of an aristocrat with someone of lower status.

"But Shaw, in his typical way, has created a paradox," she added. The vigorous merchant's daughter Hypatia Tarleton (Jennifer Shepard) is engaged to the wrong man, the aristocrat (Michael Etzrodt). Fortunately a more suitable young man drops in out of the sky."

But whether it is a lesson in true love with Hypatia, or the "domestication of the unsocial socialist" Julius Baker (Kevin



, Jill Anderson (left) and Jennifer Shephard in a scene from University Theatre's "Misalliance."

Barratt) or the voice of women's independence spoken by a Polish battle of wits and wills. aviatrix (Jill Anderson), Curtis said all the characters have a significant role to play.

She added that "Misalliance" consists of a variety of interesting concepts.

"The ideas are nicely balanced," Curtis said, citing socialism, British imperialism, women's independence and parenting as continuing themes.

"There is a gulf between parents and children. Children go to different figures for parental support and guidance," she said, adding that parents sometimes lose touch with their children, placing them at odds.

"Misalliance" has been described as a hilarious and provoking

Performances for "Misalliance" will run from March 2-4 and 9-11 in the University Theatre, Arts and Sciences Hall, at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available Monday at the University Box Office.

-MELANIE WILLIAMS

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A BIG WORLD ON A SMALL CAMPUS

NO students with a taste for international life can be treated to the 18th annual International Festival to be held at the Student Center Feb. 26 through March 3.

"We are fortunate to have a diverse population of international students and scholars at UNO, as well as an administration that is very supportive of international education exchange," said Sharon Emery, International Student Services (ISS) Advisor.

Among the festivals highlights are a cultural fair, an international awareness contest and an international banquet.

The festival's appeal, however, is not limited to UNO's student population, Emery said.

"This event attracts many people from the Omaha community and even out-state Nebraska," she said.

More than 30 countries will be represented by arts, music and folk dancing, as well as ethnic

The Cultural Fair will take place Feb. 26-28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During the fair, an international awareness contest will be held with participants testing their knowledge of international trivia. The contest will take place Friday March 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"This is an exciting time for UNO international and American students, as well as the Omaha community," Emery said.

There also will be a photo exhibit during the Cultural Fair, organized by Noriyuki Takagawa, a Japanese photographer.

The International Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 3 at 6 p.m.

Ethnic dishes from the Middle East, China, Nigeria, Thailand, South America and India will be served at the banquet with international



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entertainment closing out the event.

Tickets for the banquet are \$9 for UNO students and \$11 for the general public. Tickets are available at the Student Center Box Office through Feb. 28.

"This year, I see more students put forth creative energy into organizing the festival," Emery said.

"Cultural exchange is our most valuable resource in terms of personal growth and global awareness and it is right here at our fingertips."

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A DIFFERENT MESSAGE

chorus of "Praise the Lord" filled the air as people streamed in the doors of the Grace Apostolic Church on a sunny Sunday morning.

As the parishioners thanked God for their blessings, one couple stood up and thanked him for their new car. Spontaneous "Amens" rang out in praise, responding to the couple's gratitude.

Finally, Reverend William D. Barlowe, the man they had all come to

see, quietly entered the sanctuary.

Ignoring the podium, Barlowe stood before his multi-cultural congregation and began to speak.

The 34-year-old pastor said he considers himself — and his church — unconventional in comparison to other churches.

"All the things that happened with Jim and Tammy (Bakker) and (Jimmy) Swaggart and all of them have given church and religion a bad name," he said.

However, the Grace Apostolic Church, 819 S. 22nd St., has remained non-denominational since its establishment in 1986.

Although he doesn't subscribe to one particular religion, Barlowe said he believes in many things, especially the young people of his congregation.

"This church is deep," he said. "We let these kids know that we love them to death and that they can make it, even coming into the world with two strikes against them: poverty and dysfunctional families."

In his Sunday sermon, the reverend spoke about starting over, emphasizing they can come back from any bad situation and make a clean start.

In an effort to personalize his speech, Barlowe cited examples from his congregation.

He congratulated one teen-ager for scoring high on a test in school, and another for his success on the basketball court. Barlowe said he believes good kids need to be recognized, and he often points out the accomplishments of young people in his congregation.

Ever since its beginning, Barlowe said his church has focused on young people.

As a former mail carrier in the Omaha housing projects, he said he realized people needed help. "On my route, my heart just went out for the down-trodden people, especially the teen-agers. Nobody cares about poor people," Barlowe said.

Most of his first members were teen-agers from the 33rd and Parker Street area, where his first church was located. Barlowe estimated 30 percent of his congregation currently consists of teen-agers.

According to Barlowe, young people from North Omaha have many problems stemming from their dysfunctional family settings.

"The family structure is broken down. These kids have brothers and sisters by different daddies," he said. "They have to deal with momma's boyfriends and momma trying to keep it all together. A lot of the parents had these children when they were young so they don't have any parenting skills. The girls just follow what they've seen, and most of the boys don't have any sense of responsibility. It's just a lost generation."

Many of the young people in the "lost generation," according to Barlowe, lose their focus in life.

"The focus is on living right now and on material things not on getting an education," he said. "The focus is on easy money and getting what you can get today. That's why the gangs are so popular: They are replacing families."

Barlowe said he and the church have become a kind of foster family for these teen-agers. And

teaching young people about right and wrong is all a part of his role.

"I tell our young ladies to save their best for the best, to keep their underwear up. I tell the young men not to be following their penises around town making babies," Barlowe said. "Black men run around making these babies and then don't stick around to be fathers."

Barlowe said he tries to help teen-age gang members. Regarding himself as a gift from God, he added, allows him to communicate with young people on a level they can relate to. Barlowe said he uses certain tools, like cars and clothes, to help gang members relate to him.

"I have to have nice things in order to get their attention initially," he said. "If you don't have nothing they won't give you the time of day. I'm showing them that you can get things legitimately. I do whatever I can to attract them to Jesus."



"It is my obligation as a pastor to wean them off my personality and to promote Jesus. I'm not the star of the show, Jesus is."

At church, Barlowe said he tries to discuss topics which interest teens, adding that young people want to attend a church where they feel like they belong.

"I talk about things that are done for people's pleasure," Barlowe said. "I talk about sin, about doing the "wild thing" and about fornicating and whoremongering. Loose living is why our homes are so dysfunctional."

Barlowe said the school system needs to do more to help youth avoid loose living. Allowing freshmen to attend high school, which permits impressionable young people to mingle with older teen-agers, is unacceptable, according to Barlowe. He also said schools need more educators.

"Teachers are the people who pick up their check and leave on Friday dreading returning on Monday," Barlowe said. "We have plenty of teachers, but we need more educators."

Schools need to recognize the importance of targeting children in the third through sixth grades, Barlowe said.

"For some of the high school kids it's just a matter of salvaging," he said. "Some of them are (already) gone."

Barlowe said the schools also need to create a better atmosphere for learning.

"When kids come from a bad home they have to get things off their chest before they can learn," he said. "When you get them to school

with a teacher who doesn't care that just adds to all the other bad things in their lives."

Barlowe said money can make a lot of difference in a child's education.

"A kid in West Omaha can get in trouble and money can get him out," he said. "These kids can screw around at Burke for four years and then get a job in daddy's business or because daddy knows somebody. For our kids if they blow these four years in high school that's it for them. I want them to

achieve while they are in school."

Barlowe said the media is quick to jump on stories about gangs and drive-by shootings, but he tries to promote the good kids.

"People think kids from the projects aren't as intelligent, but I've got some kids here who are brilliant," he said.

Barlowe tries to show respect for all the teen-agers he meets. He said he lets them know he realizes that there is a human being underneath all the colors.

This respect for people allows Barlowe to draw young people and their families into church. In an effort to create a comfortable atmosphere at Grace Apostolic Church, Barlowe said the church will remain non-denominational.

"I don't go into denominations, because the Bible doesn't go into denominations," Barlowe said. "Denominations separate people."

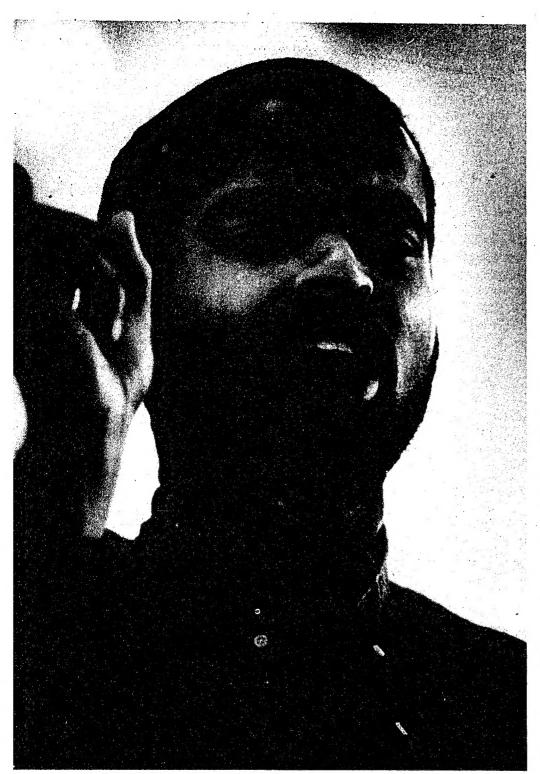
Barlowe said he wants people of all races to feel comfortable in his church.

"I never wanted to be the pastor of an all-black church because that says my ministry is limited," he said.

According to Barlowe, many churches claim to be accepting of all races, but when it comes down to marriage between different races, some churches are not very comfortable.

"Marriage tells what you are all about. Who you want your children to marry determines whether you are racist," Barlowe said. "How would I make my sons feel if they brought home a white girl, a Chinese girl or a Japanese girl? That tells people what I'm all about."

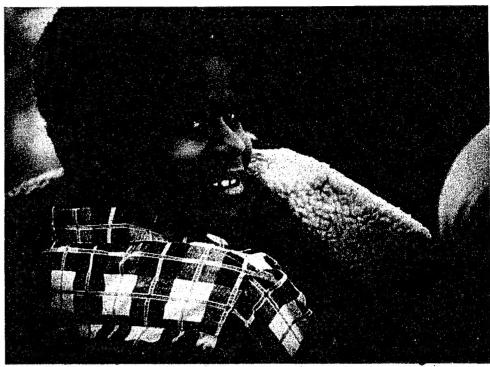
Even though he is an ordained Pentecostal minister, Barlowe believes there are problems with organized religion.



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"Organized religions sit there and play with people," he said. "People have problems, they are suffering and they want what they are going through addressed."

According to Barlowe, being a minister today is a dangerous job. There is a lot of power associated with being a preacher which is a downfall for many men, he said.

"A lot of men get messed up because they feel the power," Barlowe said. "There are three things that kill preachers: women, money and power."

However, Barlowe said a pastor always needs to stay focused and promote Jesus Christ, who will always be there for people.

Barlowe said his personality may initially draw people to the church, but he wants people who attend his services to realize the importance of God and Jesus Christ.

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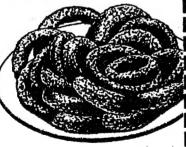




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those people anymore, and we moved on to bigger and better things," said Laura Marr.

One step in their progress was the implemetaion of the Nebraska Search for Playwrights contest, now in its third year.

"We developed new ways of finding Nebraska playwrights and being able to produce their works," she said. "This year will be the first year for the Nebraska Play Search Festival."

The consistent popularity of the contest, the upcoming festival and the growing success of Circle Theatre's diner performances may seem like an ingenious plan, but it wasn't.

"It was a fluke," he said. "We didn't have a space. We were a fledgling organization and we couldn't afford to rent the space. But Vidlak's happens to be a very long, narrow black box, which was even better because it holds about 65 to 70 people. It worked really well, and people started coming to 'diner theater.' It's unique; I haven't heard of people doing theater in a diner where the scripts are specifically written for that space."

Although off to a capricious start, Omaha's unique diner theater soon catapulted into the national and international spotlight.

"We got national exposure in '86 on Entertainment Tonight and in '88 through United Press International," Marr said. "And then, the Voice of America radio interview that Laura and I did was broadcast throughout Europe."

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Marr's plays themselves have also entertained audiences on both coasts.

"I had two productions of the Phil's Diner series done in New York City's Greenwich Village, at the Silver Dollar and at the Hudson Diner last year. In September at Los Angeles' Carlos and Charlie's, they did a play I wrote called "Back at the Blue Dolphin Saloon."

However, the silver lining of success was clouded in New York.

"I saw the first one (in New York). That was good; I liked that one," he said. "(UNO Dramatic Arts Chairman) Doug Paterson saw the second one. He said they basically took out 20 pages of . it, added their own ending, and the gentleman who directed it kind of took credit for writing it.

"So, I didn't send them anymore scripts," he continued. "If I wanted to pursue it, I could have. But the production just fizzled out. He tried to use his own material and it was inferior."

Marr said Circle Theatre, like any other business, has its ups and downs. Even the company's success may become a hassle at

"In the yellow pages, why can't they separate stage theaters from movie theaters?" he asked. "It doesn't really upset me, but I'll be sitting there watching something and somebody (calls to ask): Are you playing that new Rambo movie? And I say: No, but I'm watching'It's a Wonderful Life.' You want to pick up some popcorn and

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Other times Marr isn't quite so comical.

"I got calls at 1:30 a.m.," he said slipping into his ignorant-caller voice, "Oh, is this - er - that Vidlak's?' It's like, 'Yes, what are you doing up? You want to make a reservation - now? OK. fine."

But regardless of the late-night reservations, Marr said he enjoys working out of his home.

"Being a writer, I prefer to write here," he said. "I don't want to have to go to some theater box office and have two computers in two different places. It's comfortable here."

Marr also said he rarely faces writer's block once he forces himself to sit down and write.

"I love it," he said. "I really do. I love to sit and write because it goes and goes."

And ideas for his plays just come to him, he

"I just get them," Marr said. "I was driving down Center Street and I saw a woman sitting in a lawn chair and another woman digging in a cemetery. I thought, 'I know what that is: They're digging up the cremated remains of the father and they're having a conversation. You would have different scenes of family members that relate to one another.' It starts a seed of an idea and goes from there."

Although the cemetery story hasn't yet evolved into a play, Marr said it's in the works.

"I had another idea," he said. "I had gotten some old post cards once. One day, I was reading them and talking to someone (on the phone) about what a nice time she had visiting her friends. She said she might have left her dress there and maybe they could send it back. What a great idea to make a play about postcards. It could be a multi-media event with old postcards and maybe even old photographs of people with short dialogue interspersed throughout."

Although Marr's plays have been called fresh and original, the playwright said it's difficult trying to stay a step ahead of the times.

"We're all writing about the same thing," he said. "It's just trying to see if we can write it in an interesting and different way."

In much of his previous work, Marr cited "people reaching out to form an extended family unit" and "people working together to overcome the struggle of life through friendship and love" as two common themes. With further development, he said he usually spends about 3 weeks actually writing a play.

Although Marr's speed in writing may give the illusion of ease, he said some playwrights become obsessive.

"Some people labor so much over one thing and it becomes their child," he said. "They've created it and nobody can make it any different. It does becomes an obsession. And nothing can be changed. But as human beings, we're constantly changing. You have to be able to let that into your writing or else you're not going to go on to the next project."

But Mair doesn't seem to have a problem with moving on.

"I initially wrote all the scripts the first couple of years," he said. "Now, Circle Theatre is growing and introducing new writers, and I'm branching off into other writing projects. As far as letting go of it, that could happen. But I don't know what the motivation would be: Would I write something cheap and trashy for a whole lot of money? Yes, because it wouldn't take very long and I could work on the good stuff later."







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FILM:

Eppley Administration Building: "Freaks" at 8 p.m.

THEATRE:

Center Stage Theatre: "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/when the rainbow is enuf" at 8 p.m.

Circle Theatre at Vidlak's Family Cafe: "Mom's Motei" at 7:45 p.m.

Firehouse Dinner Theatre: "Run for Your Wife!" at 8

Norton Theatre: "Tonight at 8:30" at 8 p.m. Omaha Community Playhouse: "The Pled Piper" at

Upstairs Dinner Theatre: "The Murder Room" at 7 p.m.

COMEDY:

Funny Bone: Bryan Burgess, Steve Marmel, Kathleen Madigan at 8:30 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Noodles: Danny Storts, Sharon Sparks, Kevin Mcmattron at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

OTHER OPTIONS:

CAT Gallery: "Perhaps" (Three one-act plays by Samuel Beckett) at 8 p.m. Orpheum Theatre: Ballet Omaha's "The Winter Repertory" at 8 p.m. UNO's Mallory Kountze Planetarium: "The Power!"

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Arthur's: The Mighty Jailbreakers Howard Street Tavern: Second Generation Ranch Bowl: ETC

FILM:

Eppley Administration Building: "Freaks" at 6 p.m.

Center Stage Theatre: "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/when the rainbow is enuf" at

3 p.m.

Firehouse Dinner Theatre: "Run for Your Wife!" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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OTHER OPTIONS:

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The Nebraska Choral Arts Society presents: "Board of Directors" at First Central Congregational Church at 3 p.m.

Omaha Children's Museum: Phyllis Dunne (Children's acoustic music) from 2:30-4 p.m. UNO Mallory Kountze Planetarium: "The Little Star That Could" at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY

MUSIC:

Howard Street Tavern: Who's Drivin' The 20s: Highheel and the Sneekers

Circle Theatre at Vidlak's Family Cafe: "Mom's Motel" at 7:45

OTHER OPTIONS:

Arts and Sciences Hall: Ralph Sallsbury poetry reading at 8 p.m. in Room 214

MUSIC:

Dubliner Pub: Open multi-music jam, hosted by **Emerald Fyre** Howard Street Tavern: The World Ranch Bowl: The Confidentials

The 20s: Highheel and the Sneekers

THEATRE:

Firehouse Dinner Theatre: "Run for Your Wife!" at 8 p.m.

Funny Bone: John Knight, Bernadette Luckette. Wayne Robinson at 8:30 p.m.

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Arthur's: The Heebie Jeebies Dubliner Pub: O'Dougharty Howard Street Tavern: The World Ranch Bowl: The Jailbreakers Saddle Creek Bar: Acoustic Jam Night hosted by **Earl Bates** The 20s: Highheel and the Sneekers

THEATRE:

Firhouse Dinner Theatre: "Run for Your Wife!" at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Upstairs Dinner Theatre: "The Murder Room" at

Funny Bone: John Knight, Bernadette Luckette, Wayne Robinson at 8:30 p.m.

OTHER OPTIONS:

Bemis New Gallery: Barrier-free performance of "Perhaps" (three one-acts by Samuel Beckett) for disabled and hearing impaired persons at 8 p.m. Lincoln's Lied Center: Isaac Stern at 8 p.m.



MUSIC:

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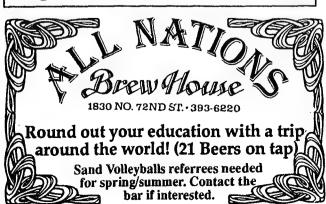
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Ryan: A boxer by his trade

BY TONY FLOTT

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"One time my manager told a fighter 'Hey, it's over with. You were a great fighter. but you have to get out for your own health. It's sad because the guy sat there on the steps and cried. That's what he's done his whole

Ryan Jr.

Such thinking epitomizes just how far Omaha boxer Dick "Raging Bull" Ryan has come since his early days of jumping into the ring and "swinging like a mad man."

The Roncalli High School graduate and former football star, with the help of his father Dick Ryan Sr., has advanced from a novice newcomer to a man concerned not only about day night, didn't go to Nationals.

delivering a physical beating, but also out thinking his opponent.

'Neither of us knew really much about boxing," the 6-foot-2, 225-pound Ryan said about himself and his father. "We would just go down to the gym and he would hold the pads and I would just hit them."

The workouts during Ryan's senior year at Roncalli spurred his interest in the sport, and he later entered the 1986 Omaha Golden Gloves.

"My dad used to fight and my uncle had fought in the Golden Gloves one year," Ryan explained. "So I decided to give it a try."

Although he had no previous fight experi-"I never want to be like that."-Dick ence, Ryan captured the heavyweight championship with only two weeks preparation. Two months later Ryan won the Midwest Golden Gloves Championship giving him the chance to go to the nationals.

> "I've got some old tapes of my Golden Gloves," Ryan said smiling. "I was crazy, swinging all over the place."

> Ryan, who knocked out Richard Moore in 2:18 of the first round at Peony Park Wednes-

"I couldn't get out of school for it," he said. "If I did I would have had to go to summer school."

Instead, Ryan chose to concentrate his talents on another sport — football.

"I had offers from Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State and Iowa but I went down to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a walkon," said the former Class B, All-State fullback.

At the time, Ryan fell under NCAA rule Proposition 48. The rule requires athletes to score a minimum grade on college entrance exams and also hold a minimum GPA.

Since he didn't quite "make the grade," Ryan was barred from practicing, working out or even eating with the Huskers.

After two months, Ryan said he became tired of waiting to play. He gave up football and disenrolled from UNL.

His experience with the Huskers, however, did leave one lasting impression on this boxer.

"When I went down to Nebraska on 'Parents Day,' we went into (football coach Tom)

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Mavericks, Hanson seek redemption

By JOHN WATSON

It's the weekend of rematches for the UNO men's basketball team and for Mav Coach Bob Hanson.

The Mavs face North Dakota Friday and North Dakota State Saturday, two teams they lost to earlier this year.

With three games left in North Central Conference play, Hanson said each game becomes a little more important.

The key to a victory over North Dakota, which defeated UNO 83-73 in January, is improved rebounding, Hanson said.

"They hurt us on the boards the last time we played," Hanson said. "You have to do everything well against them, they're a really good team."

North Dakota, 19-4 overall and 11-3 in the NCC, comes to Omaha riding an eight-game winning streak. With two wins this weekend, the Mays also would up their winning streak to eight. Hanson said UNO should be the Fighting Sioux's toughest opponent for the remaining conference games.

"If we win all three of the games, I think defensive changes for the weekends matchwe'll probably tie them for conference champs, because we're the only team that can beat them," Hanson said.

Hanson said he is looking to center Phil Cartwright, NCC player of the week last week, for strong play on the inside against both opponents. He said Cartwright has improved his play "in every respect" over the last year.

"He's rebounding better and playing better defense and not getting into foul trouble as much," Hanson said. "His maturity has helped and his endurance is better which helps him run the floors."

Although Cartwright led the Mavs in scoring the last time UNO faced North Dakota, Hanson said he isn't making any changes for

"We just have to balance," he said. "We want to throw the ball inside to him and kick it back out. That's what I call good ball movement."

Hanson also said he will not make any

"We've done a good job defensively all year long," he said. "It has been our savior."

To avenge the 68-65 loss to North Dakota State, Hanson said the Mavs need to adjust to the Bison defense.

"We have to handle their pressure defense and we need to execute better," he said.

Hanson's rematch will be against Bison Coach Erv Inniger.

After the UNO-North Dakota State game in January, Hanson and Inniger exchanged words after Hanson alleged that Inniger purposely sent the wrong player to the free throw line after a UNO foul. Hanson then ended up on the floor, claim-

ing that Inniger shoved him to the ground.

Hanson, however, said the incident will not effect UNO's play Saturday.

"That's history," Hanson said. "It has no bearing on this game at all. It's just like any other game."

ON THE SPORTING EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

Grapplers shoot for title

The UNO wrestling team enters its most important meet of the year this weekend when they take part in the North Central Conference wrestling tourna-

The top three finishers in each weight class plus five wild cards overall will advance to the national meet March 2-3.

The Mavericks, who finished third in last year's conference meet, wrapped up their dual season with an 11-2-1 record.

The NCC tournament will be held Saturday at the Bison Sports Arena in Fargo, ND.

Rigatuso wrestles into Hall

Former Mav heavyweight wrestler Mark Rigatuso will enter the UNO Athletic Hall of Fame March 16 at the 15th annual sports banquet.

Among Rigatuso's honors are three NCC titles and two NCAA Division II titles. He also appeared in the Division I tournament twice, finishing sixth in 1982 and fourth in 1983.

Rigatuso, who won 113 matches during his 1979-83 Maverick career, was the first UNO athlete to earn NCAA Division I All-American status.

Women out for revenge

The UNO women's basketball team will host the North Central Conference's top two teams this weekend when North Dakota and North Dakota State invade the Fieldhouse.

The Lady Mavs lost to North Dakota 94-44 and to North Dakota State 85-58 earlier this year.

"North Dakota has the three best perimeter players in the league," UNO basketball coach Cherri Mankenberg

"Each night we're seeing some different people take charge. I don't know whose going to step forward each night we step on the floor."

The Lady Mavs will be led by junior forward Darcy Burns, averaging 15.6 points and 8.1 rebounds a game.

Cartwright nets honor

UNO center Phil "Hoss" Cartwright was named North Central Conference player of the week for his performances last weekend.

The 6-foot-10 Cartwright led the Mavs with 22 points and 9 rebounds against South Dakota and 21 points and 11 rebounds versus Morningside.

Cartwright also erased John Eriksen's school record for blocked shots in a season, racking up 41 erasures.

Eriksen had 34 blocked shots during the 1979-80 season. As a team the Mavs have 112 blocked shots, surpassing the record of 87 set by the 1983-84 team.

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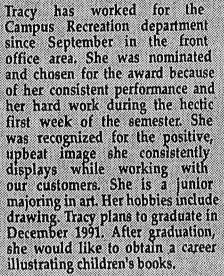
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Osborne's office and he looked like God." Ryan said. "Not exactly God, but there is just something about him that made me say, 'I want to go here and play for this guy."

an impasse. He said he knew he no longer wanted to play for the Huskers, but boxing also seemed out of the question.

"After I fought in the Gloves in '86, I told myself I'm never going to box again. It was aspect of boxing. stupid," he said. "I didn't like it. It was too fast, and although I was in good shape, I still got really tired.

"It just wasn't worth it."

But the boxer's opinion changed when he met his current manager, Bruce "Mouse" Strauss.

"It was weird. I was walking home from a party, and I met him while I was hitchhiking," Ryan said. "He remembered me from the Gloves and said I should give professional boxing a try."

Although Ryan said he still wasn't sure, he gave boxing and Strauss a try.

Swinging full force into professional boxing, Ryan took on Steve Hatfield for his first professional match in Indianapolis, Ind.

"I was so nervous," Ryan said, "But I just came out firing for two rounds straight, and then I stopped him in the second round."

With his father promoting the fights and Pete Susen training him, Ryan gradually built up his boxing knowledge, along with his record, going 6-0 before he was stopped by Dino Holmes in Las Vegas.

because I never cared about defense before that," Ryan said. "It's not all just going out there and trying to rip the guy's head off."

Since the loss, Ryan has gone 11-0, pushing his record to 17-1, 14 by knockout.

'After my loss in Vegas, everybody said, After leaving Lincoln, Ryan's life reached 'Well what are you going to do now?' I said, 'I'm going to get ready for my next fight!' That's how you learn."

> Besides learning the physical tricks of the trade, Ryan said he has also learned the mental

> "Some fighters always try to stare each other down and say, 'I'm going to kick your butt' and all that stuff," Ryan said. "But when you get into the ring, that's what it all comes down to.

> "I know this one guy I fought, Murray Givens, tried to use intimidation. He kept staring at me during weigh-ins but I didn't want to piss him off to bad before the fight.

> "So I knocked him down in the third round." Lately, Ryan's managers and trainers have been trying to get the heavyweight to the next level of boxing.

> "There putting me in no-decision fights with top-rated guys to give me experience," Ryan said. "They want me in there with Greg Paige and James the Preacher. So when it comes time to fight those types of guys in winloss fights I'm ready."

> One no-decision fight Ryan recently fought was against former World Boxing Council Light-heavyweight Champion J.B. William-

"We had a war. A four-round war," Ryan said. "He was so slick, but a lot of people "That was a good learning experience thought I won the fight. I had him hurt a couple of times, but in a no-decision fight if you hurt a guy, you lay off.

"If your not getting paid good and there's no winner or loser, why get hurt or hurt the

Williamson and Ryan are now sparring partners at Susen's camp in Indianapolis where Ryan trains for all of his fights.

"It's kind of secluded from everything else. It puts you into the right frame of mind for a fight," Ryan said. "In training camp it's kind of like you live like a gladiator because all you do is live and learn how to fight. That's it."

One fight Ryan prepared for at the camp was almost aired on ESPN, the national sports cable channel, during SuperBowl Sunday.

Ryan's match was canceled due to lack of space for the program.

"I was all ready to go. I had my handwraps on and everything," Ryan said. "My match was scheduled for an eight-rounder and all they had time for was four rounds.

"I was really disappointed, but like Mouse said, boxing is so unpredictable, don't ever plan on fighting until you're in the ring."

Ryan will get a second chance this Sunday when his fight will be aired on ESPN as part of the Virgil Hill undercard.

Getting the fights on ESPN is often the work of Strauss, who Ryan often mentions.

"He's a great guy," Ryan said. "Some managers are all business, but he's really a good guy, too. He'll sit down and tell you about all kinds of things not just boxing."

Ryan holds even more respect for his father.

"He's always promoted things," the younger Ryan said. "When I was a kid, he

would promote our football team and go out and get money.

"I couldn't do it. I think it would be harder than hell — You have to be able to talk to people and be forward about the subject you're trying to promote.

"I'm not the forward-type of guy."

Although he said he's no forward-thinker, Ryan said he recognizes the importance of the mental side of boxing to his future success.

"I admit I get scared before every fight," he said. "But you have to learn to control that. My managers try to get me to control stuff like when you get hit and you're dazed, how not to look like it and just think through it.

"All it is is just faking the other guy out. If anyone says they haven't been hurt they're liars."

Conquering fear is what most heavy weights did wrong when they fought former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, Ryan said.

"If I fought him I would like to see what he would do like at a press conference," Ryan said. "I would kind of lean over and whisper in his ear, SQ'We're going to get it on tonight. Whether it lasts one round or 10 rounds, I'm going to be in your butt all night.

"I don't think anyone's ever done that to

Ryan doesn't put a timetable on his own

"My manager thinks I can be a contender," he said. "But as far as expectations for myself. I'm not planning on the future.

"If I were to say I was going to win the title and I didn't, I would regret that for the rest of my life."

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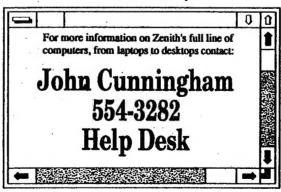
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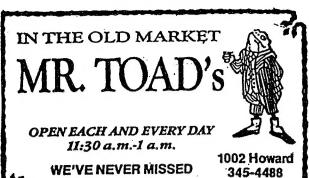


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